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The arrangements for firing the mine, which contained 1,800 lbs. of dynamite, were in charge of the Submarine Mining Company of the Royal Engineers, under Captain Mildred and Lieut. Batterworth. The ignition was electrical, and was effected by means of a powerful battery of 50 Leclanché cells placed near Cavenagh Bridge. The ends of the cable were connected with this battery.

The river from Cavenagh Bridge outwards was kept clear by the Marine Police who patrolled the entrance to the river in boats and launches. People with cameras and kodaks stationed themselves at every coign of vantage. Speculation was rife as to what would be the extent of the explosion. Some declared that the Drill Hall would come down and others said that Cavenagh Bridge would not stand the shock. Other went so far as to declare that the distant police offices were in imminent danger.

Finally the word was passed along: 'All is clear!' H. E. Sir Frank Swettenham then stepped up to the battery amidst profound silence and pressed the button at exactly twenty minutes to twelve. Instantly a deep low explosion was heard—it sounded like an exultant grunt—and the water was

thrown up from a considerable area right in the centre of the river. A slight shock resulted, which was felt all over the town. Cavenagh Bridge shook and rattled a good deal, but all fixtures remained firm. The water foamed and bubbled over the scene of the explosion for a considerable time, and several small dead fishes rose to the surface of the water. Mr. Adams, the engineer who constructed the mine, then rowed out to the spot in a *swamp*. It is understood that the explosion was a success. From a spectator's point of view it was a failure, and many disappointed spectators lingered long on the scene in the hope of seeing something more sensational.

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Essex	gunboat, 1st class	290	6	6300	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
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Goods per *Catharine* April undelivered
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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, April 24.—
11 a.m. Auction of Machines, &c., at
Nos. 181 and 183, Queen's Road East.
Goods per *Java* not cleared at 4 p.m.,
this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, April 25.—
2 1/2 p.m. Auction of Japanese Curios,
at No. 33, Des Voeux Road.
11 30 a.m. Meeting of Shareholders of
Queen Mines, Ltd.
Evening Meeting of Shareholders of the
Olivier Froebel Mines.

SATURDAY, April 26.—
Goods per *Tonkin* undelivered after Noon
on this date subject to rent and landing
charges.
11 a.m. Auction of Sundry Office Furni-
ture, at Mr. J. F. Reece's Office, No.
62, Queen's Road Central.

MONDAY, April 28.—
2 30 p.m. Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at the residence of Capt. Rolfe,
at No. 24, Belknap Terrace.
3 30 p.m. Meeting of Members and
Associates of the Hongkong Branch of
the Navy League in the City Hall.

TUESDAY, April 29.—
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Cholera in Manila.
On the 17th inst., there were 25 cases
of cholera in Manila and suburbs and a
total of 16 deaths. Down to the 18th inst.,
there had been 332 cases and 252 deaths
(231 Filipinos, 15 Chinese, 3 Americans
and 3 Europeans).

A Bad Week.
The week ended 18th April provides
very bad returns in the matter of commu-
nicable diseases notified to the Medical
Officer of Health. There were seven cases
of plague (6 Chinese and 1 Portuguese), of
which six proved fatal. Cholera still
claims a good many victims among the
Chinese, but fortunately it is still sporadic.

The cases for the week totalled 24, 21
of which were fatal. Four of the cases
occurred outside the City. Enteric and
pernial fever, accounted for one death
each. Four people suffering from small-
pox were removed, two of whom died.
Three cases of plague (all Chinese) were
notified yesterday, bringing the total for
the season up to 18. The cases occurred
at 143 Station Street, Yau-mat; 108, Wan-
chi Road, and 9, Belcher's Lane East.

Public School Gymnastics.
In the annual gymnastic competition
for English public schools, there were 66
entries of pairs of competitors represent-
ing 33 schools, an increase of three schools
on last year, when Cheltenham College won
the shield. This year Rugby carried off
the shield, the boys representing the school be-
ing A. D. Gardner and R. N. Gargard-
Thomas, each of whom received a silver
medal. The highest individual score in the
gymnastic competitions, which also carried
with it a silver medal, was made by R. D.
Weston, of King's School. The order of
succession of the schools who made the
highest aggregate following Rugby were—
Blundell's School, Cheltenham College,
King's School, Sherborne School, Land-
ing College, Marlborough College, Dulwich Col-
lege, Wellington College, and Merchant
Taylor's School.

Collision at Yokohama.
A collision occurred in Yokohama har-
bour about noon on Monday, the 7th in-
stant, says the *Kobe Herald*, between the
N. Y. K. steamer *Yokohama Maru* and the
British steamer *Indra*, for which
Messrs Samuel Samuel & Co. are the agents.
At the time of the accident (the *Japan*
Herald reports) the *Indra* had left her
anchorage in the harbour, and was passing
between the two lightships on the break-
water. The *Yokohama Maru* was going in
and collided with the *Indra*. The *Japan*
Herald says the *Yokohama Maru* struck
the *Indra* a blow on the starboard side
slightly above the white lightship—
and as both then began to astern little
damage was done. The *Yokohama*, however,
had the upper part of her stem twisted to
starboard and a large dent was made in the
Indra's starboard bow, below the main-
plate. The *Indra* anchored afterwards
outside the breakwater, and the *Yokohama*
went inside the harbour. Both ships had
whistled to each other before the accident.

Police Recreation Club.
On Saturday afternoon, a very pleasing
ceremony took place at the Central Police
Station, when the prizes competed for by
the members of the Police Recreation Club
were presented by Mrs F. J. Bodeley, wife
of the Acting Captain Superintendent of
the force. The prizes, consisting of cups
and a variety of valuable gold and silver
articles, were won as follows:—Tennis
singles—1 Constable Devener, 2 Sergeant
McHardy and Sergeant Watt; Ladies'
Nomination—1 Mrs Hanson (Sergeant Ear-
nor), 2 Mrs McNab (Lance Sergeant Kent);
Billiards—1 Constable Pitt, 2 Constable
Clyde, 3 Constable George; Highest break
—Acting Inspector Withers (33). The run-
ners up in the tennis tournament, Sanitary
Inspector Woolley and Constable Clyde,
were presented with a silver cigarette case
each by Mrs Bodeley. Chief Detective
Inspector Hanson, at the conclusion of the
prize distribution, thanked Mrs Bodeley
for the graceful part she had played in the
afternoon's proceedings, and presented her
on behalf of the Club, with a beautiful
bouquet in a silver holder, as a token of
appreciation of her kindness in supporting
the Club's endeavours as she had done.
Mrs Bodeley, in accepting the gift, wished
the Club all success. During the after-
noon the final in the tennis doubles was
played off, and refreshments were kindly
provided by the Ladies' Committee of the
Club.

HAD A GOOD TIME.
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
The Venezuelans have fired upon the
American steamer *Viking*.

Mr Kruger's eldest son, Caspar, has
taken the oath of allegiance.

The St. Petersburg Government has
dispatched 114 new guns to Vladivostok.

A Government *Gazette Extraordinary*
issued yesterday declares Macao a plague
infected port.

To-day, Robert Walpole, Praya East
Hotel, was fined \$5 for selling liquor after
proscribed hours.

About seven o'clock last night a false
alarm of fire in the central district was
sounded by the fire bell.

Mr C. B. Fry, the well-known Sussex
cricketer, contradicts the report that he is
to play for Hampshire.

Euston Hall, the seat of the Duke of
Grafton, has been gutted by fire. The
pictures and sculptures were saved.

Prince Adalbert of Prussia, the Em-
peror William's third son, was to enter the
Naval Academy at Kiel on the 14th inst.

John Roberts, the Billiard Champion,
will play a series of exhibition games dur-
ing the Proclamation Durbar at Delhi in
January next.

A telegram has been received in Cal-
cutta announcing the death, at Monte
Carlo, of Mr Stephen Ball, senior partner
of Messrs. Ball Brothers.

A fresh Circular issued by the Porte
to the Powers describes the Albanian dis-
turbance in Macedonia as purely local and
confident that order will be restored
shortly.

The imports and exports of Great
Britain in March show a decrease of \$5
millions and 2½ millions, respectively,
arising largely from last year's anticipations
of the new duties.

The King has been pleased to approve
the appointment of the Earl of Leven and
Melville to be his Majesty's High Commis-
sioner to the General Assembly of the
Church of Scotland.

We are accustomed to changes in the
Executive Council in the Straits where a
generation is ten years only (says the
Singapore Free Press), but Sir West Ridg-
way has seen the whole of his executive
changes in six years.

Last night, Mr D. E. Brown, local
manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway
Company, gave a lecture to the Corporation
Contingent of Volunteers describing the
route over which they would pass on their
journey to and from England.

A successful experiment has been
made in Mandalay in sprinkling the roads
with earth oil instead of water. The effect
was magical. But the late-faded Bur-
mans say that the oil makes the road very
hot. The process is too expensive for
general adoption where crude oil cannot be
obtained cheaply.

Glasgow and the Coronation.
A proposal was made at a meeting of
the Glasgow Corporation on the 50th ult.,
that the leading citizens be entertained to a
dinner on the occasion of the Coronation,
but on a division the proposal was defeated.
The Corporation decided to have a Military
Review, to dine 12,000 poor, and entertain
120,000 children in the public parks. A
Councillor asked if it were really the case
that there would not be a single ceremony
at which the King's health would be drunk,
and the Lord Provost replied that was so.

Weihaiwei.
An interesting Debate was raised on
the 18th March in the House of Lords on
the subject of Wei-Hai-Wei, which was in-
troduced by Lord Portsmouth, who laid
before the House the views of Sir Edward
Seymour and Admiral Fitzgerald. They
were strongly in favour of fortifying it
against a raiding squadron, and the Gov-
ernor of Wei-Hai-Wei was, Lord Portsmouth
believed, of the same opinion. He moved
that the Government should lay Papers on
the Table of the House putting it in
possession of the facts which justified them
in making their new departure in reference
to it. Lord Goschen also discussed the
change of policy, and Lord Selborne, in re-
viewing the possible ways to which Wei-
Hai-Wei might be put, remarked that the
decision of the Admiralty had been come to
on strategic grounds alone. He had
no Papers that he could lay upon the table.
Lord Spencer expressed the opinion that,
if Wei-Hai-Wei were to be held at all, it
should be held as a secondary Naval base.
The original occupation of Wei-Hai-Wei
was one of the instances in which action
had been taken without due foresight, and
now, owing to circumstances which were
exceedingly unsatisfactory, that which had
been distinctly laid down as part of the
policy of this country had been practically
given up. Lord Portsmouth withdrew his
Motion for Papers, and the House ad-
journd.

Death of Mr Fyfe, H.M.
The *Manila Times* of the 19th inst.
reports:—Mr W. Fyfe, a well-known
member of the English colony in Iloilo is
dead. Mr Fyfe was about to return to
England after a residence of twenty years
in the islands at the time of his death. He
was the head of the Iloilo branch of the
firm of Smith, Bell & Company. His sud-
den and unexpected death on the 6th inst.
was a shock to the entire English com-
munity, among whom he was deservedly
very popular.

Massed Band Performance.
The following is the programme of
music to be played by the combined bands
of the Garrison on the New Recreation
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March..... Herceos of Eng-
land..... T. Bigwood.
Overture..... French Comedy Kola Bela.
Selection..... Belle of New
York..... Kerker.
Valse..... "Pia D'ye"..... Walcott.
Picollo Solo "Deep Blue Sea"..... Brewer.
Selection..... "Shop Girl"..... Ivan Caryll.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

News from the Philippines.
Lieutenant Commander Potts has been
appointed U.S. attaché at Berlin.

General Lukhan and his staff arrived
in custody at Manila on the *Hailong* on
the 11th inst.

Mr William Taylor, formerly in the
1st California Volunteers, has been ap-
pointed Harbour Master at Manila.

A telegram from West Point on the
14th inst. reports:—West Point won inter-
collegiate fencing contest at Annapolis third.

Sergeant William Thornton, U.S. Signal
Corps, committed suicide by shooting him-
self in the head, at Malolos, on the 12th
inst.

The young ladies of Manila have
petitioned the management of the Hotel
Oriente to give a hop every Saturday
evening.

Sorensen men belonging to Troop E,
15th U.S. Cavalry, are reported to be down
with typhoid fever at Zamboanga, in
Mindanao.

On the 16th inst., a U.S. soldier
belonging to the 10th Infantry, died of
cholera on board the transport *Hancock*
in Manila Bay.

Lieut. Hegedorn, for embezzlement
and drunkenness, has been dismissed from
service and sentenced to two years' im-
prisonment at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Don Felipe Buenavista, leader of the
Filipino Federal party, sailed for America
on the transport *Bufoad*. He goes in an-
swer to a telegraphic invitation from Presi-
dent Roosevelt and Secretary Root.

Major F. A. Meacham, Chief Health
Inspector at Manila, died there on the 14th
inst. Death is attributed to overwork.
Major L. B. Granby, surgeon, U.S.V.,
died of acute apoplexy at Lipa, Batangas,
on the 12th inst.

An ultimatum has been issued to the
Moros in Mindanao. Unless the mur-
derers of two American soldiers are given
up and restitution made of stolen property
before the 22nd inst., General Chaffee will
send a strong punitive expedition up to
Lake Lanao.

The French Squadron.
Speaking at Marseilles, Admiral Pot-
ter, recently in command of the French
Indo-China squadron, declared that the
Japanese Fleet is superior to the Russian
(in Far Eastern waters). He advocates
further reinforcement of the French squad-
rons in the Far East.

Is it Murder?
The body of a Chinaman about 42
years of age was found on the Praya at
Kennedytown the other morning. Besides
having the throat cut, there were other
terrible wounds, the knife with which they
had been inflicted being found in the de-
ceased's pocket. The Police are investi-
gating as to whether it is a case of self-
mutilation or murder.

The Plague at Macau.
Mr A. G. Romano, Consul-General for
Portugal, writes to us as follows:—"I am
requested by the Colonial Secretary of
Macau, in the absence of His Excellency
the Governor, to state that there have been
cases of Plague in the Islands of Taipa and
Coloane only, and the Government have
taken all the necessary precautions against
the disease spreading to Macau. He assures
me that there have been no cases of Plague in
Macau during the last week, but two cases
of Cholera."

Death of Mr Fyfe, H.M.
The *Manila Times* of the 19th inst.
reports:—Mr W. Fyfe, a well-known
member of the English colony in Iloilo is
dead. Mr Fyfe was about to return to
England after a residence of twenty years
in the islands at the time of his death. He
was the head of the Iloilo branch of the
firm of Smith, Bell & Company. His sud-
den and unexpected death on the 6th inst.
was a shock to the entire English com-
munity, among whom he was deservedly
very popular.

Massed Band Performance.
The following is the programme of
music to be played by the combined bands
of the Garrison on the New Recreation
Ground, on Wednesday next, the 23rd
instant, from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.:—
March..... Herceos of Eng-
land..... T. Bigwood.
Overture..... French Comedy Kola Bela.
Selection..... Belle of New
York..... Kerker.
Valse..... "Pia D'ye"..... Walcott.
Picollo Solo "Deep Blue Sea"..... Brewer.
Selection..... "Shop Girl"..... Ivan Caryll.

The Pipers of the Hongkong Singapore
Battalion Royal Artillery will play during
the intervals of the programme.

PROMPT ACTION
In dealing with what may be only a slight
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illness.

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TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, 20th April, 1902.
Absolute silence continues to be main-
tained officially concerning the peace terms
discussed at Pretoria. Numerous circum-
stantial and contradictory rumours are being
circulated in London, and it is impossible to
ascertain the truth. It is believed, however,
that the Transvaal representatives complain
of the obstinacy of the Orange Free States.

[DER OOSTERLANDSCHE LLOYD SERVICE.]

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

BERLIN, April 9.
The Russian attempts to secure a conces-
sion for the sole navigation of the river
Tigris (Shat el Arab) have been frustrated,
Turkey having refused permission on the
ground that a British Company already
holds the rights.

ITALY AND SWITZERLAND.

BERNE, April 12.
The diplomatic relations between Switzer-
land and Italy have been suspended owing
to a personal dissonance between the
Bundesrath and the Minister. There is
hope that the matter will be settled soon.

**THE MANCHURIAN CONVEN-
TION.**

At St. Petersburg, the Manchuria Treaty
is now published. According thereto the
Russian troops will be withdrawn gradually
under the condition that no new troubles
will arise. The Russian Government de-
clares that she is pursuing her policy, and
will not be hindered therein by any other
Power. Russia will control the number of
Chinese troops in Manchuria. The Rail-
way from Shanhai to Nanchang and
Hsinmintin will be returned to the owners,
provided that no other nation will exploit
it nor occupy Manchuria. China has to
return to Russia all costs originated by the
keeping in order and working of this rail-
way, and in doing so she expresses the hope
that, after the pacification of East Asia has
been completed, the friendly relations of
good neighbours will be resumed again by
Russia. Russia on her side declines any
responsibility for what will happen if China
violates this agreement.

THE RIOTS IN BRUSSELS.

BERLIN, April 14.
The troubles in Brussels amounted lately
to an actual revolution. There were re-
peatedly fights in the streets; the number
of the seriously wounded amounts now to
fifteen. The leader of the Socialists, who
demand general suffrage for every one, and
the burgomaster of Brussels are warning
the people to keep the peace; but neither
of them were successful. The Socialists
are now preparing for a general strike over
the whole country.

[FROM MANILA EXCHANGES]

**ALLEGED ATROCITIES BY
AMERICANS.**

WASHINGTON, April 15.
It is understood that the President com-
emplates sending a commission to in-
vestigate Philippine conditions, including
alleged atrocities by American soldiers.

The plan has been discussed in Cabinet,
but no formal decision has been reached.
Some administration leaders strongly favor
an investigation to satisfy public sentiment.

TROUBLE AHEAD.

New York, April 12.
Secretary Root said that if General
Smith was guilty of a breach of the rules of
war in the Samar campaign the department
would discipline him, but the charges were
not yet official.

Schofield, advocating Root's Staff Bill,
declared that President Roosevelt and
General Miles are not on speaking terms.
Said that present conditions are intolerable
—that the President should select his own
commander.

**GENERAL MACARTHUR ON
AGUINALDO.**

New York, April 9.
General MacArthur was closely question-
ed by the Senate Military Committee
regarding the situation in Manila prior to
the outbreak of hostilities with the ju-
surgents. The General denied that the
Filipinos were at any time allies of the
American troops, and declared that General
Anderson wanted Aguinaldo to keep out of
the fight.

Army v. Navy.

The Navy won a shooting match which
took place last week against the Army—22
men a side—by 197 points. The Navy's
total score came to 1,656, making an aver-
age over the three ranges, 290, 500, and
600 yards, of 82.8 per man; the Army's
grand aggregate was 1,616, and their aver-
age per man 80.8.

Filipino Generals Surrender.

General Malvar, with his personal
staff, surrendered to General Bell at Lipa,
Batangas, on the 16th inst. The surrender
was unconditional. General Wheaton has
reported to General Chaffee that the rebel-
lion in his department is now over, General
Gonzales was expected to surrender about
this date. Colonel Guerau is arranging for
complete surrender in Samar Island.

THE KWANGSI REBELLION.

Indiscriminate Slaughter.

On the 11th inst., we published a letter
from Wuchow giving details of the massacre
of upwards of 1000 people at Ch'an Shan
Hoi. The following belated letter, dated
27th March, gives some further details of
the affair:—

"This evening finds us anchored within
two days' travel of Lan Chau-fu. Our path
is bristling with danger, and the advis-
ability of returning, at once, to Wuchow
will receive careful consideration as soon as
we reach Lan Fu, at which place we will be
able to get more authentic information than
we now have. Word reached us yesterday
that, three or four days ago, the towns
of Ch'an Shan Hui and Yat To Shi—
distant from here less than
twenty miles—were sacked by robbers.
Men, women and children were indiscrimi-
nately slain, and the list of the dead is
said to number over one thousand. The
cause of the butchery is not apparent;
possibly the robbers were incensed by the
stubborn resistance offered them."

It will be seen from this letter that the
writer does not refer to any organised re-
bellion, but characterises this brutal but-
chery as the work of robbers. It is a
curious fact that the writer has passed safely
through the disturbed district and is
continuing his journey into the interior,
pressing forward to Cheong On, the pre-
fectural city.

A telegram in one of our Shanghai con-
temporaries says:—"The Chinese Govern-
ment having protested against the action
of certain American firms in supplying
arms to the Kwangsi rebels, the United
States Government has instructed the San
Francisco Customs to prevent further ship-
ments."

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The following are the scores of the
Hongkong Cricket Club's Tennis Tourna-
ment up to date, viz:—

CHINESE ADDRESS TO HON. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART.

The following is a translation of an address in Chinese characters presented to the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, as will be seen it is in Chinese metaphor.

The Members and Managing Committee of the Hongkong Po Leung Koo (Society for the Protection of Chinese Women and Girls) offer their tribute of respectful praise to the Honorable J. H. Stewart Lockhart, now chosen and appointed to be the illustrious High Commissioner at Wei-Hai-Wei.

Britain's beneficent way, that protects the people and traders, should also woman and girls, and in this is most gloriously manifest.

In the British dependency of Hongkong the people are sheltered on all sides. A benevolent Government makes happy its subjects: women and children are steeped in the country's bounty.

Of commending and dignified race, you, Sir, received the Imperial mandate to control here in Chinese affairs, and this our Society was founded by our endeavours.

Thus it came to pass that Chinese women who were bound for destruction in foreign lands found in you their deliverer. Your well-directed energies and prompt action preserved them from deadly perils.

You, Honorable Sir, delighting in virtuous deeds, caused funds to be devoted to the work of rescue. The Government, without respect of persons, has been ready to aid and lend the same regard for the distant and the near.

Women away from their homes and without their natural protectors looked to your guardian care, and under your rule they maintained their chastity and virtue.

To the amount of money concerning King Wan's government in Ki, you have given a new and extended application. In the seclusion of the house, there were no dissatisfied women and abroad there were no unmarried men. Thus far-reaching have been your benevolent efforts.

Those who looked for the quiet happiness of the Peach Blossom Fountain sought it not in vain. The ravishing tigers left across the water and the white deer bark was no longer heard in the drowsy woods.

Your praise as Colonial Secretary is in everybody's mouth, as many inscribed stones are found by one way.

We who have had your compassionate kindness as a sheltering roof, and your care as a shield, are most grateful. Nevertheless, our gracious Sovereign must also promote the virtuous ruler, and you, Sir, have won the hearts of all. You the illustrious and benevolent Commissioner will take control as the highest authority at Wei-Hai-Wei, and under your banner all will be content and happy.

As for us, your Leader is leaving us at the end of the spring. Hongkong has had the timely rain, and within the four Seas there is peace.

We would vainly retain you here among us, keeping possession of your boat or blocking the roadway in front of your carriage with our prostrate bodies, as did the ancients when they could not bear to part with a virtuous ruler.

Our hope and prayer is that you, Sir, may one day be among us again.

Vast as the azure vault above us and the great wide sea around us, so do we regard your excellent talents and virtue.

The Year Yau Yan,
3rd Month, 12th day.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. F. L.R.C.

On Saturday afternoon, the annual tennis match was played between teams representing the Ladies' Recreation Club and the Hongkong Cricket Club. The match took place on the Cricket Ground, and attracted a large company of interested spectators. The Ladies' Recreation Club was present and greatly aided to the enjoyment of these present. At the conclusion of play it was found that the Club had won by the narrow majority of 3 games.

The following are the results, the names of the Cricket Club being placed first, viz:—

	1st set.	2nd
Smith and Atkinson beat Grist and Slade	6-2	6-5
Smith and Atkinson beat Pontifex and Yeats	6-1	6-5
Smith and Atkinson beat Baresford-Ash and Wynne	6-3	6-4
Clapham and Humphreys beat Pontifex and Yeats	6-2	—
Clapham and Humphreys lost to Pontifex and Yeats	—	3-6
Clapham and Humphreys beat Baresford-Ash and Wynne	6-5	6-1
Clapham and Humphreys lost to Grist and Slade	5-6	5-6
Huskisson and Trimmingham lost to Baresford-Ash and Wynne	3-6	—
Huskisson and Trimmingham lost to Grist and Slade	4-6	5-6
Huskisson and Trimmingham lost to Pontifex and Yeats	4-6	3-6
Total of games won by the C.C.	43-37	46-43
Total of games won by the L.R.C.	—	80
Difference in favour of the C.C.	9	—

Burglaries at Singapore.

It is reported from Singapore that the houses of the new Colonial Secretary and Mr. W. Evans, late Protector of Chinese have been burgled. The *Free Press* of the 14th inst. reports:—Last night, at quarter to nine, Mr. P. Layken, of Messrs. Brinkman & Co., was coming out of his residence, "Goodwood," Scott's Rd., when he discovered two Chinamen dressed in black hiding amongst the shrubbery at the side of the drive leading up to the house. He went towards them, thinking they would run away on seeing him, but they coolly stood up and awaited his approach, and on his questioning them one of the men drew a large butcher's knife and stabbed at Mr. Layken's heart, but fortunately he managed to dodge the blow, which only inflicted a slight cut on the side of his nose. Mr. Layken then pluckily attacked his assailants with his fists, but they, apparently fearing capture, made off.

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SHOOTING.

The April shoot of the 'C' Machine Gun Company for the Aggregate Cups resulted as follows:—

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	Total
*Lieut. Lamont	27	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Sergeant Sherrin	26	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
Bomb. Marshall	25	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Corpl. Shoolbred	20	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Gr. Evans	15	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
*Spout winner.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE CORONATION.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, April 22.

Sir,—With regard to the decision of the Government in not granting any pay to the members of the Volunteer Contingent who are going Home to represent the Colony in the forthcoming Coronation Ceremonies, would it not be an act of grace on the part of the Authorities if they were to allow the men to purchase what money they intended taking with them at a reasonable rate of exchange? It will be very hard on some with a limited income to have to receive (by the time the Contingent sails) any one shilling and sixpence for every dollar they possess.

At a meeting held at Headquarters yesterday, the men were told that, in order to secure a reasonable amount of comfort, they would have to undertake the payment of £2 each, so as to enable them to travel in two cars instead of one, thereby allowing each man a separate berth in the journey across Canada; the original accommodation looked for them by the Authorities having provided only one berth for every two men.

In view of this and sundry other small expenses which are bound to crop up during the journey and also during the three or four weeks the Contingent will remain in England, do you not think that my request for a higher-valued dollar should have some consideration? Members of the Civil Service on leave at Home draw their salaries at four shillings; we, as Volunteers representing Hongkong, are, more or less, in Government employ, and if we were to ask to be granted the privilege of buying £50 per man at two shillings per dollar, we could not be accused of avarice. For a four months' absence we are to receive the least degree of consideration, and if we were to take this sum with him.

I trust I will not incur the displeasure of the G. O. C. in thus expressing the feelings of a large majority of the Coronation Contingent.—Yours faithfully,

DESPAIR.

[It is not for us, of course, to say how the Contingent should be treated, but it is at least obvious from this letter and from what we hear from the man in the street that some of the Contingent are not at all enamoured of the prospects ahead of them.

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A BRIDGE TO KOWLOON.

Proposal by the Harbour Master.

In his report for 1901, the Hon. R. Runney, Harbour Master, says:—

While on the subject of Harbour improvement, I desire to place on record, and to invite possible criticism of, a proposal which has already been before the Government in a special form, and therefore replaced in this my annual report.

It will be almost universally admitted, I think, that the population of the town of Victoria is gradually growing beyond the numbers that can be satisfactorily and healthily housed, and while schemes are more or less tentatively put forward, having as a partial object the relief of this overcrowding, the real question of how and where to find good and sufficient housing room for our ever-increasing numbers has not really been tackled.

In 1894 we were somewhat suddenly made to face the fact that the conditions of life amongst the very large numbers of Chinese of the lower class dwelling in Hongkong was such as to demand attention, and since that memorable year, special efforts have been made with the object of relieving the overcrowding, but the almost universal demand for more room.

Since the Island of Hongkong has practically little more room for the purposes of the scheme, it is imperative that, as a condition of the scheme becoming operative, China should be first required to show signs of the removal of the Liki and other barriers that by the institution of a reformed system of fiscal administration in the Provinces, that she is both able and willing to carry out the agreement, being in spirit and in letter.

This branch of the Association is of opinion that under conditions of entire freedom of whatever kind, the proposed import of 10 per cent upon foreign imports is not excessive, and that the trade interests both of Hongkong and of foreign countries trading with her would be benefited thereby.

Mr. E. S. Little followed with another long and carefully worded speech opposing the proposition, and proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Probst in a speech giving his reasons for so doing:—

"That this Branch of the China Association, having carefully considered the proposal, and being of opinion that the proposed addition by China of 10 per cent internal taxation of whatever kind on all merchandise, is of opinion that the scheme as presented is unworkable. This branch of the Association therefore recommends:—

1. That the rate of import and export duty be fixed at an effective 5 per cent, and the duties made specific as far as possible.

2. That the principle of the Transit Pass be retained, the inland commutation tax for imports be increased from 2½ per cent to 10 per cent, if necessary, and that the rate of duty on exports be reduced to 5 per cent, if necessary.

3. That in return for the inland commutation tax satisfactory guarantees be obtained from the Chinese Government that all merchandise, whether import or export, shall be free from Liki, Loti-shui and all other inland taxes and charges of whatever nature throughout the eighteen Provinces of China."

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SIR J. MACKAY'S TARIFF PROPOSALS.

Shanghai China Association.

At four o'clock yesterday afternoon (says the Shanghai Mercury of the 16th inst.), about fifty members of the Shanghai Branch of the China Association met at the Shanghai Club to consider certain proposals made by Sir James Mackay and these who are assisting him in framing the new commercial treaty.

Mr. J. L. Scott presided. The meeting was a long one and great interest was evinced by those taking part in the proceedings. On behalf of the greater number of the Committee and after a long and clever speech by the Chairman, the following resolution, seconded by Mr. A. M. Marshall, was proposed:—

"That this Branch of the China Association having carefully considered the proposal of Sir James Mackay for a 10 per cent surtax on foreign imports return for the entire abolition by China of all internal taxation of whatever kind on all merchandise native of foreign, whether for import, export or internal consumption, is of opinion that the scheme as presented is unworkable. This branch of the Association therefore recommends:—

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

Unpleasant Experience in Bombay Harbour.

Bombay, April 7.—An exciting scene was witnessed in Bombay Harbour on Saturday night in the Bombay Yacht Club. A sixteen-foot skiff belonging to H.M.S. Fox took part, the occupants being Lieutenants Stokes and Rees and the Reverend Suter with a woman named Eyles. A heavy sea caught the boat throwing three men into the water. They drifted about for hours and finally finding a native boat moored to some stakes they crawled into it exhausted. In the meantime Eyles was searching the harbour, and the search lights swept the water, but the peculiar position of the boat prevented its discovery until daylight. The Rev. Mr. Suter was suffering from exhaustion.

A Bread Riot at Shiraz. The Times of India correspondent at Shiraz reports a riot in the town due to the dearth of bread. The telegraph office was wrecked and two of the Governor's soldiers were stabbed. Twenty rounds of ball cartridge having been served out to the troops, quiet is expected to be soon restored.

Oxford and Cecil Rhodes Bequest. London, April 7.—The authorities at Oxford are gratified at Mr. Cecil Rhodes's will, and welcome the new bequest. It is expected that the effect on Oxford will be far-reaching and invigorating.

To the Matopos Hills. Extraordinary scenes were witnessed all through Cape Colony, during the passage of the funeral train conveying the body of Mr. Cecil Rhodes, and the Dutch were conspicuous in their tributes of affection and respect. It was at a standstill at Kinshasa, where 15,000 people filed past the body.

A Morgan-Marconi Company. It is stated that Mr. Morgan is backing a company for acquiring the Marconi wireless telegraph system, and proposes to extend operations to the Orient, via the Pacific.

Growth of Volunteering. The official return shows that the Volunteers have increased by 8,172 in first years (sic).

In 1890 when the movement was established, the Volunteers enrolled strength was 119,146. In 1900 the number were 277,628 whilst, if permanent staff is included, the figures were 331,511, an increase of nearly 50,000 on 1890. The war has notoriously stimulated enrolment and there is perhaps a mistake in Reuter's message to-day which mentions an increase of 8,472—unless it refers only to the period from November last when the new regulations, ensuring a higher level of military training, came into operation.

New York's Invitation to Prince of Wales. London, April 8.—The New York Chamber of Commerce propose inviting the Prince of Wales' presence at the opening of the Chamber's new buildings in August.

A National Service League. The Duke of Wellington announces the formation of a National Service League, whose energies are to be devoted to establishing the principle of compulsory training for national defence, civil and military.

The Football Match Accident. The International Association Football encounter between England and Scotland took place at Ibrox Park, before a crowd of 85,000 people. Of this number 20,000 were accommodated on the north-west stand or terrace. Ten minutes after the commencement of the game, a rush of the Scottish forwards on the English goal sent the occupants of the north-west terrace away excitedly, with the awful result that a patch of the staging, about thirty yards wide, collapsed, and four hundred spectators fell through to the ground, a distance of forty feet.

Spion Kop. General Sir Redvers Buller, in a further letter to Mr. Balfour, accepts the full responsibility of his actions at Spion Kop and everywhere else, and reiterates a wholly incorrect statement purporting to represent his words, which has been published and not explained.

Mr. St. John Brodrick publishes all the papers accompanying Lord Roberts' Spion Kop despatch.

Johannesburg Mines. London, April 6.—The first general meeting of the Chamber of Mines, Johannesburg, since the outbreak of hostilities, was held on the 4th inst., when the President stated that 16,000 stamps were working, and it was highly probable that by July half the industry would be working, and before many months the industry would be where it was in October, 1899.

The total gold mined by the Boer Government from the main mines, banks and mines was £267,173. Beyond this, the actual losses by destruction of the mines is estimated at £23,400,000. A reduction in the wages of whites was not contemplated.

April 7.—In yesterday's statement by the President of the Johannesburg Chamber of Mines, read 1,636 stamps, valued at £2,697,173 as taken by the Boer Government.

Sovereign Fighting in South Africa. April 6.—The fight at Boschmanskop was hard to hand, both sides using the butte of their rifles and the Dragons using the Dragons, in engaging, fell into a daze, where horses were useless and retirement was necessary. Two 7th Hussars then came to their assistance, and the Boers were obliged to retreat.

Mr. Chamberlain has called to Lord Minto his congratulations to the Dominion on the heroic conduct of the Canadian Rifles in the action with General De-la-Rey at Hart River, and his deep regret at the heavy losses, and sympathy with the survivors.

The killed at Drickul include Captains Chalmers and LeMarchant, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, and the killed at Boschmanskop include Major Walker, of the 2nd Dragoon Guards.

The Boers lost at least 62. The Boers still in the field number 8,000, and are scattered from Zoutpansburg in the north to Sutherland in the south, and from Garies in the west to Pieterstroom in the east. General De-la-Rey alone has a large command.

April 7.—1,000 of the Royal Canadian Regiment have volunteered for the front.

Maris to Defend New Zealand. New Zealand has decided to enrol a defensive force of Maori Volunteers.

What Lord Kitchener told Lord Hoptoun. Mr. Premier Barton, interviewed, in consequence of Lord Kitchener's report to Lord Hoptoun on the execution of Australian officers said that undoubtedly murders were committed, which it was necessary to severely punish.

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